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SUBJECT: AIRLIFT FROM NOVA LISBOA

REF: LISBON 5130 AND PREVIOUS

1. I TALKED ON SEPTEMBER 4 WITH LT. COLONEL RAMIRES RAMOS,
COMMANDER OF THE TERRITORIAL COMMAND OF NOVA LISBOA, ABOUT THE
UPCOMING AIRLIFT.

2. RAMOS SAID HE NOW HAS COMPLETE PASSENGER LISTS FOR FIFTY
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707 OR DC-8 FLIGHTS. THE PASSENGERS HAVE THEIR FLIGHT NUMBERS

AND HAVE BEEN PROCESSED. RAMOS CAN HAVE THEM AT THE AIRPORT WITH LUGGAGE WITH A MAXIMUM OF FOUR HOURS NOTICE. ONCE AT THE AIRPORT THEY NEED ONLY RECEIVE BOARDING PASSES. ACCORDING TO RAMOS, THE QUICKEST HE HAS LOADED A 707 WITH PASSENGERS AND BAGGAGE DURING THE CURRENT TAP AIRLIFT IS FIFTY MINUTES. AVERAGE TIME IS ABOUT ONE HOUR AND TEN MINUTES. GROUND PERSONNEL AT NOVA LISBOA CAN HANDLE ONE 707 EVERY TWO HOURS.

3. PLEASE ADVISE PILOT OF LEAD AIRCRAFT THAT RAMOS MAY WANT TO BOARD PLANE IF IT STOPS AT LUANDA ON WAY TO NOVA LISBOA. OTHER PORTUGUESE OFFICIALS MAY WANT TO MAKE THE TRIP, AS WELL.

4. U.S. BRITISH AND CANADIAN CITIZENS, MOSTLY MISSIONARIES, OCCASIONALLY SHOW UP AT THE NOVA LISBOA AIRPORT LOOKING FOR TRANSPORTATION OUT OF THE COUNTRY. I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF PILOTS COULD BE ALERTED TO TAKE THEM ON BOARD ON A SPACE AVAILABLE BASIS. I HAVE SECURED PERMISSION FROM COLONEL RAMOS.

5. ALL U.S. PERSONNEL INVOLVED IN THIS AIRLIFT SHOULD BE AWARE THAT TAP IS HANDLING ONLY A PART OF THE OPERATIONS AND THAT COORDINATION WITH THE PORTUGUESE MILITARY HERE IS ESSENTIAL. THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE WANTS TO BE ADVISED AS SOON AS WE HAVE A FIRM ETA IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO ALERT OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR PASSENGER LISTS AND TRANSPORTATION TO THE NOVA LISBOA AIRPORT. COLONEL RAMOS TOLD ME THAT THE CONTACT IN NOVA LISBOA FOR ALL REFUGEE MATTERS NOT HAVING DIRECTLY TO DO WITH FLIGHT AND RELATED MATTERS IS MAJOR CAVALEIRO.
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